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IMPORTANT DATES

Wireless E911

Advisory Board Meeting

08/07/06 at 10:00 a.m. in the PSC Library with Video Link to Scottsbluff

Nebraska 911

Technology Expo

08/17/06

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites, Lincoln

Hearings

Hearing for Landline

Carriers for Late-Filing Landline 911 Reports

08/15/06 1:30 in

PSC Hearing Room

Determination of

Wireless E911 Surcharge

8/22/06 at 1:30 in PSC Hearing Room

Comments Due

911-017 Post Hearing Comments

07/31/06 5:00 p.m.

911-018 Reply Comments 08/18/06

Responses to

Verification/Request for Information

DUE 08/11/06

Hearing Held on Interim Implementation Policy

On July 17, 2006, a hearing was held at the Commission regarding the interim implementation policy in Docket 911-017/PI-116. The Commission opened this docket and solicited comment from PSAPs, wireless carriers, local exchange carriers and any other interested party regarding establishing an interim policy pending the full implementation of LB 1222. Written comments were received from 3 PSAPs: Fillmore County, Dodge County, and Howard County. Additional written comments were filed by Viaero Wireless, Cricket Communications, the Wireless 911 Advisory Board and Commission staff. Copies of all written comments are available on the Commission website.

Bob Rose from Clay County Emergency Management, Loel Brooks on behalf of Viaero, and Laurie Itkin from Cricket testified. Representatives from Dodge County, Alltel Wireless and

Windstream attended the hearing. Due to the limited participation in the hearing, Jeff Pursley, director of the Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department, continues to encourage PSAPs to become more involved in the process so that their opinions become part of the record. Generally, all comments and testimony received were in support of establishing an interim policy. Concerns were expressed regarding staff's proposal to conduct hearings regarding wireless carrier funding requests; not to fund Phase II at this time; and limiting funding to only one PSAP per county.

Anyone wishing to file written comments may still do so until **July 31, 2006**. You may email them to **angela.melton@psc.ne.gov** or mail them to the Commission at 1200 N Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68509.

Recent Developments

The Commission recently sent information out to all PSAPs who had achieved Wireless Phase I 911 which reflected all payments that had been made out of the Fund on behalf of the PSAP since the inception of the program. In the future, this information will be sent to the PSAPs on a *monthly* basis. This information is confidential and should not be shared outside of the PSAP. Questions can be directed to Joan Raffety at 402-471-0208 or joan.raffety@psc.ne.gov.

The Commission recently sent out information to all PSAPs to either request or verify that information we have on file is correct. Please review and return to the Commission with any changes by August 11, 2006. If you would like to receive this electronically call Joan Raffety at 402-471-0208 or joan.raffety@psc.ne. gov.

Phase I Requests

Johnson/Pawnee Counties testing on December 5, 2006

Knox County testing on 12/06/06

Phase II Requests

Clay County testing on 11/06/06. Lancaster County will begin Phase II testing on 7/25/06

Phase II Implementations

Red Willow County implemented Phase II on 6/29/06

The Commission has granted cost recovery for equipment costs for the following counties after recommendation of the Advisory Board: Kearney County, Minden Lancaster County, Lincoln Lincoln County, North Platte

Nebraska 911 Technology Expo

On August 17, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Embassy Suites in Lincoln, PlantCML and Windstream will be hosting a technical forum to discuss technology changes in the PSAP with regard to Mapping, IT Security, and Time and Communication. Watch for further information from PlantCML and Windstream.

It has come to the attention of the PSC that Motorola Centralink will no longer be supported after December 31, 2006. If you have this equipment, please notify the Commission how your PSAP will proceed to address this matter.

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Let Your Voice Be Heard

The Commission strongly encourages all PSAPs, wireless carriers, vendors and local exchange carriers to become involved in the development of the permanent funding mechanism for enhanced wireless 911. Here's what you can do:

- Read Commission Orders, Mailings, Newsletters for upcoming issues and deadlines
- File written comments or letters in proceedings. These can be sent via regular mail and email to the Commission.
- Attend and Participate in hearings, workshops and E911 Advisory Board Meetings. Accommodations can often be made for video conferencing or telephone conference depending on the circumstances. But you need to let us know.

We need to know what is important to you. Have questions about how to become involved? Call Angela Melton at 402-471-0274.



